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Title:   PROCESS AND APPARATUS   )  
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FOR TREATING BIOSOLIDS   )  
FROM A WASTEWATER       )  
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DECLARATION OF RICHARD L. PRESSLEY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.132

I, Richard L. Pressley, hereby declare as follows:

1. I am a citizen of the United States and reside at 779 Courtney Drive, Crown Point, Indiana. I am currently an officer, part-owner and full-time employee of Thermal Process Systems, LLC. I am over the age of eighteen years old and am competent to testify.

2. I am making this declaration in support of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/763,676. I am one of the joint inventors named in that application. My co-worker Jeff Williamson is the other joint inventor named in that application.

3. As an officer of Thermal Process Systems, LLC, I believe that Thermal Process Systems, LLC, owns both the present application and U.S. Patent No. 5,948,261, U.S. Patent No.

6,168,717 and U.S. Patent No. 6,203,701. Thermal Process Systems, LLC, is the owner of U.S. Patent No. 5,948,261 as a result of an assignment from me. Thermal Process Systems, LLC, is the owner of U.S. Patent No. 6,168,717 as a result of an assignment of Application Serial No. 09/233,532 from Jeff Williamson and me. Thermal Process Systems, LLC, is the owner of U.S. Patent No. 6,203,701 as a result of an assignment of Application Serial No. 09/346,505, from Jeff Williamson and me. Those assignments are attached to the Terminal Disclaimer filed with this declaration. Thermal Process Systems, LLC, is the owner of the present application, as a result of the assignment of PCT International Application No. PCT/US99/02438 from Jeff Williamson and me, since the present application is a national-phase application of that international application. Thus, as an officer of Thermal Process Systems, LLC, I believe that the present application is currently owned by the same party that owns U.S. Patent No. 5,948,261, U.S. Patent No. 6,168,717, and U.S. Patent No. 6,203,701, namely Thermal Process Systems, LLC.

4. At the times we made our inventions, Jeff Williamson and I were both officers, part-owners and full-time employees of Thermal Process Systems, LLC. I believe we were both obligated to assign our inventions to our employer, Thermal Process Systems, LLC. and Thermal Process Systems, LLC, therefore owned the inventions claimed in the present application, U.S. Patent No. 5,948,261, U.S. Patent No. 6,168,717, and U.S. Patent No. 6,203,701 at the times those inventions were made.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and such willful and false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Date: Oct 14, 2002

  
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